





Monday, July 14, 2008 7:00 AM

MENDOCINO LIGHTNING COMPLEX

Media Only Fire Information Number: 707-467-2520

Public Fire Information Number: 707-467-6426

The Mendocino Lightning Complex, in total, has consumed 53,300 acres and is 85% contained. The number of active and contained fires has slightly increased during the course of the incident as new fires have occurred. Significant mop-up and patrol operations continue on all fires throughout the incident.

Favorable weather conditions continue to be predicted over the next several days. Firefighters are taking advantage of the favorable weather conditions and are making good progress on containment. Residents are reminded that they may see increased fire and smoke in the areas of planned firing operations.

Air Operations

GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping operations continue to be conducted throughout Mendocino County. Residents may see low flying rotary aircraft for the purposes of mapping fire perimeters.

Numerous fixed wing and rotary aircraft continue to operate on the fires.

Evacuations

Evacuation "Warnings" remain in effect for:

- Mountain View Road from Mile Post 15 to Mile Post 20
- De Haven Creek and Howard Creek drainage, North of Westport

Resources

Engines: 183 Crews: 57 Helicopters: 15 Water Tenders: 70 Dozers: 25
Overhead: 340 Total Personnel: 2,154 Fixed Wing Aircraft: 3

Incident Facts

Incident Size: 53,300 Acres

Contained: 85%

Injuries to date: 42

Fatalities to date: 1

Residences Threatened: 30

Residences Destroyed: 2

Number of Active Fires: 7

Total Number of Fires: 130

• Estimated Costs to Date:

\$37,100,000